

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARCHESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JUNE 19, 2023 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**JUNE 19, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Marchese.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Marchese led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

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| Present: | Thomas J. Belczak | Ted V. Schauer      |
|          | Eric K. Gustafson | Ralph Stompanato    |
|          | Joseph A. Kenny   | Mary Coyle Sullivan |
|          | Gerry Leganski    |                     |

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Joseph Marchese, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon Vana, City Administrator  
Gregory Thomas, Police Chief  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** – There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Marchese declared a quorum.

5. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 5, 2023

It was moved by Alderman Leganski and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 5, 2023.

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| Roll Call: | Ayes:    | Belczak, Gustafson, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan |
|            | Abstain: | Kenny   |
|            | Nays:    | None  |
|            | Absent:  | None  |

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received communication from Vince Esposito, 7300 block of Summit, expressing concern with construction trucks parking on Gigi Lane during the Street Resurfacing Program. Mr. Esposito understood this would be a short-term inconvenience.

Alderman Gustafson...

...received email from resident on Pitcher Drive regarding status of street maintenance. Superintendent Throm provided update on completion; resident was satisfied.

...provided an update on the Woodridge Village Board meeting; the Board approved development of a 212,000 square foot Distribution Center across from Woodmere subdivision. He provided details about the facility and noted concerns.

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...received communication from Caryn Alavi, Ward One, regarding sporadic ComEd power outages; Alderman Sullivan included Alderman Schauer in communication.

...inquired about the parking situation at Honey Bee Gardens Farm. Director Gombac provided an update on the measures taken to alleviate the bottleneck that is occurring. Mayor Marchese provided additional comments on farm festivities and parking situation.

8. **MAYORS REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN WERNECKE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS PAPAIS, (CHAIRPERSON), JONATHAN CHRIST, ROBERT HAHN, LOU MALLERS, ROBERT TAFT AND MATTHEW WEBERLING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman Belczak and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Steve Wernecke, Thomas Papais, Lou Mallers, Robert Taft and Matthew Weberling.

**C. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION “CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH” (JUNE 19, 2023)**

Mayor Marchese read the proclamation into record recognizing Juneteenth Community Celebration Day on June 19, 2023 and stressed the importance of racial harmony.

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced...  
...the July 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting has been cancelled.  
...the next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 17.  
...City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT AND DEPARTMENT RECOGNITIONS**

Chief Thomas presented 2022 in review, which included the True Thin Blue Line of 400,000 officers protecting 333+ million people in the United States through moral, ethical & constitutional policing; Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted (LEOKA) 2021 summary; and Crisis Intervention Tactics.

Deputy Chief Norton highlighted letters of appreciation, letters of commendation, and Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (AAIM) awards received by Officers Somogye, Noga & Hruby in 2023 for their work in 2022 with intoxicated motorist enforcement. He recognized officers running toward threats: Officer Hruby with car fire and Officers Oplawski & Somogye who assisted with an active shooter at the Weather Tech warehouse. Officers responded to the Oak Brook Mall shooting, Aurora mass shooting, unincorporated DuPage County shooting and others. He shared weapons calls and commended Officer Kano and Sergeant Jump for taking suspect into custody without incident and recovering a firearm. He spoke of calls which led Auxilliary Operator Bucholz, Officers Kano, Servin, Nelson, Noga and Nelson to be the recipients of Lifesaving Awards. Deputy Chief Norton noted all actual awards were presented in front of their peers.

Chief Thomas provided statistical information pertaining to person crime, property crime, total person & property crime, societal crime, and total crime. He noted the annual report

discusses the differences of two reporting mechanism: Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Chief Thomas addressed Council question pertaining to transportation of cannabis.

Mayor Marchese thanked the Police Department for their service and congratulated officers.

**B. MUNICIPAL SERVICES – NO REPORT**

Ted Schauer inquired about completion of streets; Director Gombac responded goal is July 4.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 23-24-04**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 23-24-04 in the amount of \$1,373,479.11 from the enumerated funds, and \$319,008.40 from payroll funds for the period ending 06/15/23 for a total to be approved of \$1,692,487.51.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairwoman Sullivan stated the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting scheduled for July 3, 2023 has been cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** – Chairman Belczak stated the Municipal Services Committee meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Committee** – Chairman Kenny stated the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. He announced the Police Committee

meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

New Business Items C – K were moved to the Consent Agenda as Items J – R.

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB**
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 A DAY FEE FOR THE CLASS “J” TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB**
- C. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO PURCHASE (1) TRAFFIC APP SUITE 36 MONTH SOFTWARE LICENSE FROM ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,650**
- D. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES WITH THE DUPAGE METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT GROUP (DUMEG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,680**
- E. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FROM KIESLER’S POLICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,968.75**
- F. **RESOLUTION NO. R-71-23**                      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (4) PRO LICENSE BUNDLE 5 YEAR SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENTS FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC. USING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,464.04 PAID OVER 5 YEARS**
- G. **RESOLUTION NO. R-72-23**                      **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (33) RESPOND DEVICE 5 YEAR SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENTS FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC. USING DEPARTMENT OF**

**JUSTICE AWARD MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,960.72 PAID OVER 5 YEARS**

**H. RESOLUTION NO. R-73-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TAPCO FOR THE PURCHASE OF (12) LICENSE PLATE READER POLES USING CANNABIS FUNDS AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,394**

**I. RESOLUTION NO. R-74-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RAGS ELECTRIC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE LICENSE PLATE READER POLES AT THE 2023/2024 CONTRACT UNIT PRICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,028**

**J. RESOLUTION NO. R-75-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AT THE UNIT PRICES FOR SIDEWALK GRINDING FROM HARD ROCK CONCRETE CUTTERS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000**

**K. RESOLUTION NO. R-76-23**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2023, FORD F-550 4X4 FROM KUNES AUTO GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,809.26**

**L. RESOLUTION NO. R-77-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY AND SNOW PLOW EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, LIGHTING ACCESSORIES, AND HYDRAULIC CONTROLS, FOR THE 2023, FORD F-550 4X4, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,565.00**

**M. RESOLUTION NO. R-78-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF NEW UNILOCK HOLLANDSTONE PAVERS FROM ILLINOIS LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC, FOR THE CLOCK TOWER PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,108 (NET CITY EXPENSE OF \$608 AFTER \$10,500 IN CREDIT/DONATIONS)**

**N. RESOLUTION NO. R-79-23**

**CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A LOW VOLTAGE, LIGHTING SYSTEM FROM TERRAIN LANDSCAPING, INC, FOR THE CLOCK TOWER PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,091.33**

**O. RESOLUTION NO. R-80-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FROM HINSDALE NURSERIES FOR THE PLANTINGS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,336.37 FOR THE 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS**

**P. RESOLUTION NO. R-81-23**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIFIED UNIT PRICING FROM ILLINOIS LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR OUT CROPPING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,580 FOR THE 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS**

**Q. RESOLUTION NO. R-82-83**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM JC LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000 FOR THE PLANTING AND PLACEMENT OF THE OUTCROPPING STONE FOR THE 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS**

**R. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR COMPOST, TOPSOIL, ADDITIONAL PLANTINGS AND LABOR COSTS AS THEY WOULD RELATE TO THE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 75TH STREET LANDSCAPE MEDIANS**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-11(C) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (TONY & TINA’S DELI)**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

Alderman Belczak asked Mr. Tony Buzinski to share his plans. Tony noted the deli will be a homemade sub shop complete with paninis and potentially charcuterie boards; beer and wine will be served. Their intent is to create a place with a cozy atmosphere for the community to hang out, grab a sandwich, and enjoy a beverage. They will be occupying the location previously known as Uncle Mao Chinese Restaurant, the owner is retiring.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-10-23**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-3-7-11(C) OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (TONY & TINA’S DELI)**



Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, ZONING REGULATIONS, OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (PZC2023-03: SHORT-TERM RENTALS PROHIBITED)**

It was moved by Alderman Kenny and seconded by Alderman Gustafson to approve the motion as presented.

Alderman Kenny noted being in favor of amending the City Code. Alderman Gustafson commented on the party house in Ward Six; shared the success Naperville has had in addressing similar issue; and expressed agreement with 30 day timeframe. Alderman Leganski noted timeframe can be readdressed if needed to be amended.

Director Gombac reiterated amendment refers to short-term rentals with no property rentable for less than thirty days.

Alderman Kenny noted City Code allows sellers the ability to rent back during ownership changes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-11-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5A, ZONING REGULATIONS, OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE (PZC2023-03: SHORT-TERM RENTALS PROHIBITED)**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Alderwoman Sullivan...

...thanked Lou Mallers for service to Darien as a staffer; she was pleased he will continue with volunteerism on the committee level.

...announced Darien Rocks the Greens concert series begins on Thursday, June 29 at 6:00 P.M at Carriage Greens Country Club; food/beverages will be available for purchase. She encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Marchese announced the Andy Warhol Exhibition will be held at College of DuPage from June 3 – September 10. He noted communities were asked to promote the exhibition through banners, paraphernalia, and portrait contest. Darien selected to participate in the portrait contest by providing portraits to be “warholled” of Kris Sant – humanitarian; Sam Kelley - loved and named Darien; Fred Andermann – founding father of the Lace Community; and Joey Ventimiglia for his bravery in battling cancer at the age of six. In recognition, portraits will be on display at the Indian Prairie Public Library (IPPL) until mid-late September. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, June 23 at 4 P.M. in the IPPL café. He commended John Carr, Public Works, for creatively hanging the portraits in the library windows.

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

It was moved by Alderwoman Sullivan and seconded by Alderman Schauer to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Purchase or Lease of Real Estate Section 2(C)(5) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:35 P.M., with no action taken.

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Leganski to adjourn Executive Session.

**City Council Meeting**

**June 19, 2023**

Roll Call: Ayes: Belczak, Gustafson, Kenny, Leganski, Schauer, Stompanato, Sullivan,

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Executive Session adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Stompanato to adjourn the City Council meeting.

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 06-19-23. Minutes of 06-19-23 CCM.